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Annotations

1. Election of officers

In accordance with established practice, the Committee may wish to elect a Chair, three Vice-Chairs and a Rapporteur.

2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

The provisional agenda was recommended by the Committee on New and Renewable Sources of Energy and on Energy for Development at its second session and approved by the Economic and Social Council in its decision 1996/304.

3. Follow-up to previous sessions of the Committee

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up to the previous sessions of the Committee (E/C.13/1998/2)

4. Energy and sustainable development

(a) Environmentally sound and efficient fossil energy technologies

(b) Renewable sources of energy, with special emphasis on wind energy

(c) Development and implementation of rural energy policies

(d) Energy and transportation

In its resolution 1996/303, the Economic and Social Council emphasized the crucial role of energy in sustainable development, and the importance of adopting a proactive approach towards removing the obstacles and barriers hampering the development of new and renewable energy technologies.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on environmentally sound and efficient fossil energy technologies (E/C.13/1998/3)

Report of the Secretary-General on renewable sources of energy, with special emphasis on wind energy (E/C.13/1998/4)

Report of the Secretary-General on the development and implementation of rural energy policies (E/C.13/1998/5)

Report of the Secretary-General on energy and transportation (E/C.13/1998/6)

Documentation for information

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the High-level Advisory Board on Sustainable Development for the 1997 review of the Rio commitments, entitled "Critical issues and policies for sustainable development: energy, transport and water" (E/CN.17/1997/17/Add.1)

5. Medium-term planning and coordination of activities of the organizations of the United Nations system in the field of energy

In its resolution 1996/44, the Economic and Social Council reaffirmed the importance of increasing inter-agency cooperation within the United Nations system, as well as coordination of activities for energy and sustainable development.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on coordination of activities of the organizations of the United Nations system in the field of energy (E/C.13/1998/7)

Documentation for information

Report of the Secretary-General on an inventory of ongoing energy-related programmes and activities of entities within the United Nations system, on coordination of such activities, and on arrangements needed to foster the linkage between energy and sustainable development within the system (E/CN.17/1997/7 and Corr.1)

Report of the Secretary-General on possibilities of strengthening the coordination of the organizations and bodies of the United Nations system in the field of energy within the framework of the Administrative Committee on Coordination (A/52/175-E/1997/75)

6. Other matters

7. Provisional agenda for the fourth session of the Committee

8. Adoption of the report of the Committee on its third session

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 46/235, the Committee submits its report to the Economic and Social Council with policy options and recommendations.